



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner  
Director of Health Services  
Fire Chief

At its meeting held April 6, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisors Knabe and Molina's recommendation to approve the Los Angeles County Fair Association's pilot project proposal to establish the Fairplex as a Regional Disaster Coordination and Staging Center and the Association's intent to seek funding through the Department of Homeland Security, for infrastructure, transportation, and facilities renovation along with other improvements at the fairgrounds; send a five-signature letter to Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, expressing the Boards' support of the pilot project proposal; and based on the Association's successful acquisition of grant funds, request the Director of Health Services, the Fire Chief, the Sheriff, and the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management to support the next phase of project planning and to share, to an appropriate degree, in available grant funds designated for project planning.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"I want to clarify that this item is to approve this grant proposal in concept and to allow the County, including the Sheriff's Department, Chief Administrative Officer, Fire Chief, the County Coroner and Director of Health Services, to pursue this project, which must include a planning stage as a first step. I also want to clarify that if, after the planning stage has been completed, it is determined by any of these key players that the plan is not in the best interests of the County, the County can decide to not pursue the remainder of the project.

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“This proposal is worthy of the Board’s consideration especially since it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of the residents of Los Angeles County.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved, in concept, the Los Angeles County Fair Association's pilot project proposal to establish the Fairplex as a Regional Disaster Coordination and Staging Center and the Association's intent to seek funding through the Department of Homeland Security, for infrastructure, transportation, and facilities renovation along with other improvements at the Fairplex;
2. Based on the Association's successful acquisition of grant funds, requested the Director of Health Services, Fire Chief, Sheriff, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, and the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management to:
  - a. Support the next phase of project planning and to share, to an appropriate degree, in available grant funds designated for project planning;
  - b. If the proposal is approved by the Federal Government, work together with the Los Angeles County Fair Association on the planning phase of the project;
  - c. Return to the Board for approval prior to moving past the planning phase; and

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3. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, expressing the Board's support of the pilot project proposal.

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